President.—You may give notice to the Secretary regarding the supplementary question.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Thank you, Sir, I shall do so.

A petition regarding the amendment to the Cochin Court Fee Regulation, II of 1080.

320. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the petition, if any, received from the public of Chittur with the remarks of the Judges of the Chief Court and the orders thereon of the Government regarding the amendment to the Court Fee Regulation, II of 1080?

Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—The petition, if any, cannot be traced without more details as to date, etc.

Insufficient waiting accommodation at the Ferry Jetties at Ernakulam and Cochin.

321. Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar.—Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the insufficient waiting accommodation at the Ferry Jetties at Ernakulam and Cochin?

Will the Government be pleased to make adequate provision for waiting accommodation at these two places in view of the large number of people that cross the backwaters every day and in consideration of the inconvenience they suffer for want of proper arrangements for waiting?

Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—The member is referred to the answer furnished to question No. 222.

The formation of the Malayalam Improvement Committee.

322. Sreemati T. Madhavi Amma.—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the report on the basis of which the Malayalam Improvement Committee was originally formed?

Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—A copy of the report with the Government orders thereon is available in the Legislative Council Library.

The extent of damages caused in the Mukundapuram Taluk by the floods of 1099.

323. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—

(1) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the total (area and loss in cultivation) extent of damages wrought by the heavy floods of 1099 M. E. in Mukundapuram Taluk?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to state:

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(a) what action the Government have taken on the report of the Mukundapuram Tahsildar (of Karkadagam 1091) to avert the agricultural loss;

(b) Whether a programme of such a work covering a period of a few years was decided in the report; the action the Government have taken thereon; and

(c) if not, the reason for not taking any action?

(d) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a true copy of the report of the Mukundapuram Tahsildar (vide L. R. Proceedings, dated 20th November 1915, regarding preventive measures for agricultural loss, etc.)?

Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—(1) 6766.52¼ acres and Rs. 3,80,000, calculating yield at 75 paras of paddy per acre and the cost of paddy at 12 annas per para.

(2) The Secretariat file, Dis. 128/R/92 (P.W.D.), containing the information is placed on the Council Secretary's table for perusal.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Here it is stated that His Highness is pleased to approve of the draft Proceedings. But nothing is seeing done after that. It was dated 20th Karkadagam 1092.

President.—The draft Proceedings have been approved by His Highness.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I ask what is the action the Government has taken thereon, and if not, the reason for not taking any action? Is there a programme about that?

Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—Yes, in the memorandum submitted by the Tahsildar.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Nothing is said there except about the sanction of His Highness the Maharaja. After that nothing is seen.

President.—The file does not show what action has been taken by the Government. His Highness was pleased to approve of the draft Proceedings. After that, nothing has taken place?

Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—It was referred to the Special Officer. It is still pending. That file is not here.

President.—So action has been taken on the Proceedings passed by the Government, and a Special Officer was asked to investigate into the matter, and he has submitted his report, and it was forwarded. So things are going on.

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Mr. T.A.Ramachandra Ayyar.—It is not yet completed.

Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—No; not yet completed.

The total area, population, etc., of the Adur Constituency.

324. Mr. I. E. Ambookan.— Will the Government be pleased to give the particulars regarding the constituency of Adur :

(a) the total area of the whole constituency, and also of that part of it which is used for paddy cultivation;

(b) the total population and the number of Christians, Hindus, Muhammadans and also the number of depressed classes ;

(c) the income from the constituency to the Government in the last ten years and in the last one year;

(d) the expenditure for the same periods to the Government under the following heads:—

1. means of communication,
2. agricultural and Panchayats,
3. education,
4. medicine and sanitation,
5. other items;

(e) the number of officers and other servants who are now in the service of the Government and who are natives of this constituency ;

(f) the number of markets and factories and the income from them to the Government ?

Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—The information required, if at all it can be furnished on all the points, involves an elaborate search of old records which, in the opinion of Government, is not necessary in the interests of the public.

Mr. I. E. Ambookan.—My question has not been answered at all.

President.—What is the supplementary question please ?.

Mr. I. E. Ambookan.—All the sub-divisions have been answered as one question. I now want to know from the Government what are the circumstances that made the Government unable to supply the answers. Will that answer bind all the sub-divisions of the question, or are there facts which are very old? In fact, there are items which are not at all old, and there are several items which can be easily got down.

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